

FOR INFORMATION  
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SUBJECT: *Phytophthora ramorum* (PR), Sudden Oak Death Expansion of Listed Hosts  
--California and Oregon (#2)

TO: STATE and TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On February 14, 2002, APHIS published an interim rule (7 CFR 301.92) in the Federal Register for sudden oak death (PR). This rule regulates the artificial spread of this disease-causing organism from moving out of the counties where disease is established. We have now learned that certain plant parts of an additional host requires regulating in order control the artificial spread of the disease.

University researchers regularly analyze suspect new hosts. In December 2002, a researcher announced the disease has been found associated with an herbaceous species growing in the currently regulated areas. This new host is western star flower (*Trientalis latifolia*). The disease is considered to infect the entire plant.

Therefore, effective immediately, the following are restricted articles: plants and all parts, except clean seeds, of western star flower. This action is authorized by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2002, Section 412(a) which authorizes Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within United States. This action is also authorized by 7 CFR 301.92-2(b)(2) which designates as restricted articles any product or article that an inspector determines to present a risk of spreading PR. This designation requires the inspector to notify the person in possession of the product or article that it is a restricted article.

This action will be reflected by regulatory changes that will be published in the Federal Register for public comment in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.

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